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Dear Sir:

In response to the examiner's Election/Restrictions Requirement, mailed October 3, 2003, Applicant disagrees with examiner's statement that no current claims are generic. Applicant submits that claim 1 is generic to all the embodiments disclosed in the specification and figures. In the event that generic claim 1 is not held to be allowable, then Applicant hereby elects Group I, figs. 2-4, for prosecution on the merits. Claims readable on the species disclosed in Group 1 are generic independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-6. In the event that generic independent

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claim 1 is held to be allowable, then the Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner consider the allowability of dependent claims 7-17.

Respectfully submitted,

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